


REMARKS

Please note that claims 1-3, 6, 7, and 9-14 were cancelled without prejudice in application serial no. 10/370,025. These claims 1-3, 6, 7, and 9-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshikawa (US Patent 5,913,298).

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